

Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services

SGL Equalized Assessment

Presentation developed in cooperation with Arbitre
Consulting, Inc. (ACI)

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Overview:

- In 2012, all BDDS consumers residing in a group home setting will undergo an Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) assessment if they have previously never had this assessment.
- ICAPs will be administered by Arbitre Consulting, Inc. (ACI).
- ACI has administered ICAPs for the State of Indiana since 2007.
- ACI is a privately held assessment firm and has administered ICAPs and other assessments for several other states since their establishment in 2000.

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ICAP Overview:

- The ICAP is an **adaptive behavior assessment**, also referred to as a “functional assessment.”
- The ICAP is different from an intelligence test or categorical assessment for the following reasons:
 - No IQ is produced so scores used for eligibility must be based on the two standard deviations rule (equivalent to a Mental Age of 12 years in adults).
 - Does not focus solely on disability categories since no diagnosis is required or produced.
 - Measures tasks that are required for successful daily living.
- The ICAP is easy to administer and not excessively time consuming.
- Parents, guardians and individuals actively involved in the consumer’s life provide input as respondents.

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ICAP, Continued:

- The ICAP is the most reliable and valid of the commercially available assessment tools.
- The ICAP produces a “level of service needed” score that can be defended.
- The ICAP is not a historical document, it is a **point in time measurement** of a consumer’s skills and behaviors.
- Is applicable to all special needs populations
- Has 77 adaptive behavior items divided into four areas: **Motor Skills, Social and Communication Skills, Personal Living Skills** and **Community Living Skills**
- Assesses adaptive and maladaptive behaviors

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A respondent is...

- Someone who sees and/or works with the consumer on a regular basis (3-5 times per week)
- Respondents should be selected from all areas of the consumers life (home, work/school, direct care staff)
- A respondent's experience with the consumer is the only requirement for an ICAP interview
- Two (2) individuals are identified as respondents for each consumer receiving an ICAP assessment.
- **House managers or QMRPs along with one (1) direct service staff member will serve as respondents for the SGL Equalized Assessment.**

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What an ICAP Respondent can expect?

- The ACI Evaluator will phone and set up an interview time.
- The ACI Evaluator will ask 77 skills questions that the respondent will know simply through his/her experience with the consumer.
- Each interview is done individually to ensure confidentiality and promote each respondents own experiences with the consumer.
- An ICAP interview is 20 – 30 minutes long

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The BDDS Service Coordinator may request **any or all** of the following documents for each individual client:

- ISP
- MARS/TARS or Recert with diagnoses and medications
- Case analysis, including FSIQ
- Behavior Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are group home residents being assessed?

- DDORS is implementing an equalized assessment for all individuals receiving BDDS services. The assessments are an objective way to identify acuity and service needs of individuals across the BDDS spectrum of services.

When and where will the assessments begin?

- Assessments will begin in the Northwest region of the state and work their way down. Individual group home representatives and clients will be notified via letter 1-2 weeks before the assessment period to provide collateral information and schedule the interview.

Will individuals have an opportunity to review the results?

- After the assessment is completed and an ALGO assigned, the BDDS office will provide the results to each individual's team. They will have three business days to review and submit items of disagreement and supporting collateral for state review.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the ICAP and ALGO?

- The nationally recognized Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) was selected to be the primary tool for individual assessment.
- The ICAP assessment determines an individual's level of functioning for Broad Independence and General Maladaptive Factors. The ICAP Addendum, commonly referred to as the Behavior and Health Factors, determines an individual's level of functioning on behavior and health factors.
- These two assessments determine an individual's Overall Algo level which can range from 0-6. Algos 0 & 6 are considered to be the outliers representing those who are the highest on both ends of the functioning spectrum. The Overall ALGO is determined through evaluation of the individual scores on each component of the assessment.
- After the assessments are completed and the information is received by the State, the participants and their support teams are encouraged to review the information and ensure that it accurately reflects them.

ALGO Descriptors

Level	Descriptor
0 Low	High level of independence (Few Supports needed). No significant behavioral issues. Requires minimal Residential Habilitation Services.
1 Basic	Moderately high level of independence (Limited supports needed). Behavioral needs, if any, can be met with medication or informal direction by caregivers (through the use of Medicaid state plan services). Although there is likely a need for day programming and light Residential Habilitation Services to assist with certain tasks, the client can be unsupervised for much of the day and night.
2 Regular	Moderate level of independence (Frequent supports needed). Behavioral needs, if any, met through medication and/or light therapy (every one to two weeks). Does not require 24-hour supervision – generally able to sleep unsupervised – but needs structure and routine throughout the day.
3 Moderate	Requires access to full-time supervision (24/7 staff availability) for medical and/or behavioral needs. Behavioral and medical supports are not generally intense and can be provided in a shared staffing setting
4 High	Requires access to full-time supervision (24/7 frequent and regular staff interaction, require line of sight) for medical and/or behavioral needs. Needs are moderately intense, but can still generally be provided in a shared setting.
5 Intensive	Requires full-time supervision (24/7 absolute line of sight support). Needs are intense and require the full attention of a caregiver (1:1 staff to individual ratio). Typically, this level of services is generally only needed by those with intense behaviors (not medical needs alone).

* Algo 6 individuals are designated by PAR staff as outliers of high intensive nature

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Questions about the ICAP can be directed to your local BDDS field office.

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District 5: 1-877-218-3530

District 2: 1-877-218-3059

District 6: 1-877-218-3531

District 3: 1-877-218-3061

District 7: 1-877-218-3528

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